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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that four individuals were indicted on June 23, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Kansas. Those indicted include:

- **Montgomery Carl Akers**, 45, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, is charged with five counts of wire fraud.

The indictment alleges that from February 2000 through July 25, 2000, Akers, while an inmate at the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, devised a plan to obtain money from Fidelity Brokerage Services, Inc., by depositing worthless computer generated checks into an account at Fidelity Brokerage Services, Inc., and then wire transferring money into another account for Akers personal use. The indictment alleges that as a result of this scheme to defraud Akers unlawfully obtained approximately \$58,000 from Fidelity Brokerage Services, Inc.

If convicted, Akers faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger.

- **Bruce Michael Doll**, 39, St. Louis, Missouri, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 800 grams (approximately 1.76 pounds) of Ecstasy on June 16, 2004; and one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute approximately 800 grams (approximately 1.76 pounds) of Ecstasy from June 14 through June 16, 2004, in Shawnee County, Kansas.

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If convicted, Doll faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. Doll is scheduled to make his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Topeka, Kansas, on June 29, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

- **Jose Luis Rodriguez-Rivera**, 27, and **Daniel Romero Martinez**, 37, both of Kansas City, Kansas, both currently in custody, are each charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more (1.1 pounds or more) of cocaine from June 9, 2004 through June 16, 2004, in Lyon County, Kansas. Martinez is also charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more (1.1 pounds or more) of cocaine on June 16, 2004. Rodriguez-Rivera is also charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more (11 pounds or more) of cocaine on June 16, 2004.

If convicted, each face a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison, without parole, for conspiracy. Martinez also faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years for possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. Rodriguez-Rivera also faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life for possession with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine. The case was investigated by the Lyon County Sheriff's Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tristram Hunt.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.